GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1047
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RETRENCHMENT OF SECURITY GUARDS IN FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the retrenchment of the security guards of FCI in Punjab and other States;

(b) if so, the reasons of their retrenchment;

(c) the reasons for not implementing the orders of Punjab and Haryana High Court and SupremeCourt regarding the reinstatement of these employees; and

(d) the time by when the said decision is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): FCI does not recruit any security guards, directly. FCI, only engages agencies/ contractors for manning the depots of the Corporation. Pursuant to the Ministry of Labour`s Office Memorandum No.S-16011/2/99-LW dated 8.2.99 prohibiting engagement of contract labour for watch and ward purposes, the contracts with various agencies were terminated. No employer- employee relationship exists between the FCI Management and the security guards. Hence, thequestion of their retrenchment by the FCI does not arise.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No specific judgement of Punjab and Haryana High Court and Supreme Court of India is quoted.

(d): Question does not arise.